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ELECTIONS -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 2 Dec 53

The census is reported to be completed in Shanghai in preparation for elections.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 7 Dec 53

Shanghai and Chekiang report early completion of primary level elections as the masses enthusiastically respond by filing as candidates.

Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 7 Dec 53

People in the Hsi-tan area of Peiping have begun to hold primary level elections. High officials living in the area have registered and are helping out with the election activities.

Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 9 Dec 53

The Hsi-tan Area of Peiping is busy carrying out local elections. The enthusiasm of workers from various factories has been increased by mass meetings which point out to the workers the benefit of elections to their welfare.

Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 13 Dec 53

Elections are being enthusiastically supported in Tientsin, Nanking, Chinchow, and among the troops in the Northwest.

Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 4 Dec 53

In recent primary level elections in An-shan, many model workers were elected district representatives.

Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 4 Dec 53

Wuhan has begun primary level elections with many offices and public groups organizing committees to publicize the elections.

PARTY CADRES -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 8 Dec 53

An editorial in the Jen-min Jih-pao stressed the importance of strengthening party leadership in the rural areas in order to increase the ideological level of the peasants and to keep them from incorrect economic activities.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 4 Dec 53

Party cadres in Tung-shan Ts'un in Kiangsu are promoting the general line among peasants, citing cases of poor peasants who have obtained land and implements under the Communist regime.

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Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 4 Dec 53

The Party Committee of the Chinese People's Volunteers issued a directive calling upon army cadres to study carefully the general line.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 1 Dec 53

Shanghai cadres are carefully studying the general line. Cadres from schools and party and government offices met to exchange ideas and work out a plan of study.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 12 Dec 53

Cadres must stress the importance of the role of farmers in supporting the general line. At the same time, cadres must seek ways to improve the economic well-being of the farmers and lead them in the correct path to socialism.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 4 Dec 53

Cadres are told that a transition period is necessary for China to change from an agricultural nation to an industrial nation. Cadres are urged to study Marxism-Leninism and Soviet experiences in industrialization.

GENERAL LINE PROPAGANDA -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 10 Dec 53

General line propaganda stresses these points: farmers must sell grain to the government to support industrialization and bring about socialization; there is no advantage in storing grain; there is no disadvantage in selling to the government and there is no advantage in selling to the merchants.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 15 Dec 53

The masses must support the general line by improving production and raising their cultural level; also attention must be paid to raising the ideological standards of the cadres as well as the masses.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 13 Dec 53

Peasants must increase grain production to assure the success of the general line.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 14 Dec 53

A Shanghai model worker supported the general line by mobilizing his fellow workers to promote production and helped them improve their cultural level.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 13 Dec 53

During the transition period of the general line implementation, there must be a correct attitude toward education. This attitude is best exemplified by studying Soviet methods of socialist education.

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Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 4 Dec 53

The Shanghai branch of the Democratic National Construction League held a rally to support the general line. Deputy Mayor Pan Han-nien gave instructions to merchants on the socialization of commerce.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 8 Dec 53

An East China New Democracy Youth Corps Directive called upon youths to support the party in city and rural areas, and to promote the general line by organizing mass meetings and carrying out propaganda.

Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 13 Dec 53

The North China Cultural Committee has made plans for the next year based upon the general line. All educational and cultural activities will be geared to implementation of the general line among the masses.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 5 Dec 53

East China Bureau, CCP, called a meeting of high-level cadres to make a thorough study of the general line. The purpose is to arouse the enthusiasm of the cadres and to coordinate the general line in their work.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 5 Dec 53

Mayor Chen Yi of Shanghai attended a meeting of businessmen to explain questions on the general line and called on all businessmen to support the policy.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 9 Dec 53

The promotion of the general line was discussed at a rally of 47 Shanghai factories. Workers promised to support the line by increasing production.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 3 Dec 53

Sung-chiang Hsien recently set up a pilot project for the implementation of the general line. Experiences gained there will be used to train cadres in other areas for work in propagandizing the general line. The experiment stresses three points: explain the general line to the peasants; explain socialism to the peasants; and attack evils of the old rural social system.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 11 Dec 53

Cadres in Shantung are helping farmers improve their production and leading them on the road to socialism. The development of barren land areas in Shantung is reported to be progressing.

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Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 12 Dec 53

The East China Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party reported that the support given to the general line movement by printing units included a drive to economize on labor and materials.

Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 16 Dec 53

The North China Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party called a meeting to discuss plans to study and to promote the competitions for increased production and economy in North China.

SOCIALIZATION OF ECONOMY -- Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 8 Dec 53

A four-point summary of the achievements of the National Trade and Industry Conference stressed the socialization of private industry in order to coordinate private and state economic activities.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 8 Dec 53

The socialist industrialization of China is the realization of a dream of 30 years. Evidence of China's industrial progress is the huge gains in the steel production industry.

Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 9 Dec 53

China has made good progress in the socialization of her industry because of earlier achievements in heavy industry and the determination of the masses to emulate the Soviet Union in completing China's economic plan.

AID TO KOREA -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 7 Dec 53

Shanghai factories are rushing to fill orders from Korea for factory goods.

REHABILITATION OF AMOY -- Peiping, Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 18 Dec 53

All public utilities and educational institutions in Amoy are now functioning normally.

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